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Specification including Claims - 104 pages
Abstract of the Disclosure
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This patent application is a continuation of prior Application No. 09/522,158, filed on March 9, 2000 which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/263,415 filed March 5, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/408,993 filed September 29, 1999 now issued as United States Patent No. 6,463,773.

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the Declaration is enclosed, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated therein by reference.

The parent application is assigned to STRATTEC SECURITY CORPORATION.

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